

## CHAPTER 8

### SECTION 3.4

# PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PFPWD): VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

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#### I. POLICY

If a child under age seven has a visual impairment which is not part of an overall medical condition and has no other handicap, a medical statement and management plan signed by a physician is not required in order to apply for benefits in connection with optometric evaluation under the Program for Persons with Disabilities (formerly known as Program for the Handicapped). An optometrist may perform vision testing without a physician referral.

#### II. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The exception for physician referral and management plan applies only to children under age seven.

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